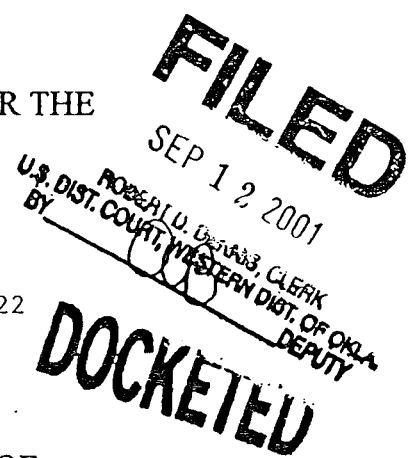


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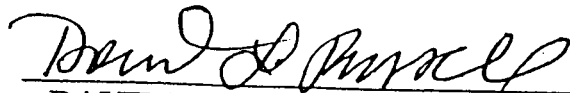
AUTHORIZATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF
CERTAIN EXPENSES FROM THE NON-APPROPRIATED FUND

Occasionally, the judges of this district appoint counsel for indigent plaintiffs in civil rights cases. These appointments serve the best interests of justice in those cases where a trial or evidentiary hearing is anticipated and the plaintiff would be otherwise unrepresented. These appointments are without any remuneration for attorney time unless the plaintiff prevails, see 42 U.S.C. § 1988, but reimbursement to counsel for extraordinary costs, *e.g.*, transcripts and expert witness fees, would benefit the bench and bar in the administration of justice. More lawyers, on whom the burden of expenses would otherwise make such appointments too burdensome, would be available for appointment, and any counsel's ability to fully develop appropriate facts and theories of relief would not be adversely affected by the cost involved.

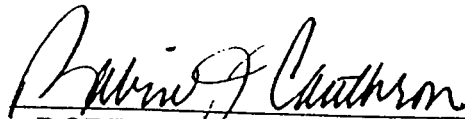
Accordingly, the judges of this Court find reimbursement of the expenses necessarily incurred by appointed counsel in civil rights cases, within the limits hereinafter set out, to be an appropriate expenditure from the non-appropriated fund, and recommends the Advisory Committee approve disbursements as follows:

For deposition transcripts, expert witness fees, and other extraordinary expenses not reasonably included in law office overhead (e.g., not costs of mailing, telephone, copying, etc.), as approved by the judge to whom the case is assigned. Reimbursement will not exceed \$1,500 per case except in unusual circumstances, on good cause shown, and subject to availability of funds.

DATED this 12th ^{September} day of ~~August~~, 2001.



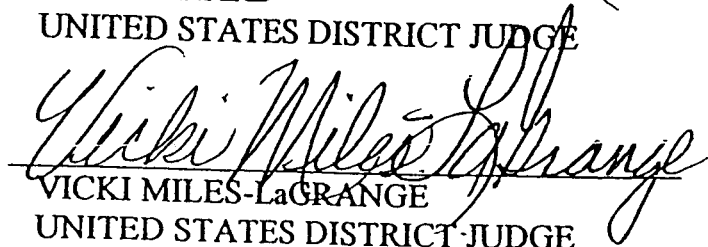
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